

REMARKS

The Examiner asserted that the claims are directed to two patentably distinct groups as follows:

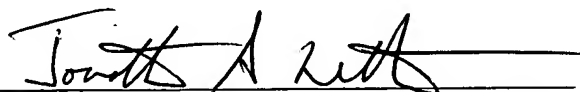
Group I (claims 8-20); and
Group II (claims 1-7 and 21-22).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I. Applicants make the present election with traverse on grounds that examining the other non-elected group, Group II, would not constitute an undue burden on the Examiner. Moreover, the Examiner already issued one Office Action on the merits and in this Office Action claims 1-20 had already been searched and examined.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

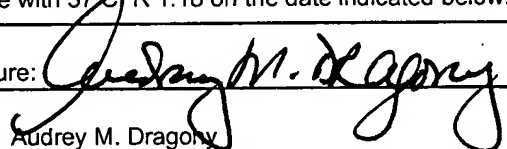
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